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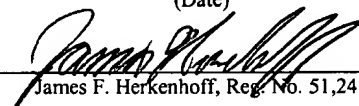
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- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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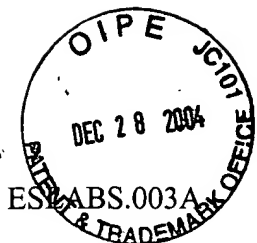
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. The amendments do not touch the merits of the application. Changes to pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough to indicate deletions.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.